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SUBJECT: NATO DEFENSE REVIEW - THE FORCE GOALS STAGE

1. AT CONCLUSION OF DISCUSSION BY DRC ON 16 MAR 73
REGARDING POSSIBLE CHANGES IN THE FORCE GOALS STAGE OF
THE NATO DEFENSE REVIEW PROCEDURES (DRC/ WP(73)3)(POUCHED),
ASST SECY GEN HUMPHREYS REQUESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES
DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR AUTHORITIES THE DECISIONS
TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO THIS ITEM.

2. PARA 2 OF DRC/ DS(72) DATED 20 MAR 73 IS QUOTED BELOW:

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2. THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE:

(A) AGREED THAT DRC/ WP(73)3 REFLECTED ACCURATELY
THE VARIOUS ARGUMENTS PUT FORWARD;

(B) AGREED THAT THERE WAS NO JUSTIFICATION FOR
ALTERING THE MAIN FEATURES OF THE FORCE GOALS STAGE AS
SET OUT IN DPC/ D(71)10, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS THE ROLE
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OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE, DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE AND
DEFENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE;

(C) AGREED THAT THE OBJECT OF THESE COMMITTEES
WAS TO RELATE THE PROPOSALS OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS
BOTH TO THE OVERALL EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO' S DEFENCE AND
TO THE NATIONAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE; SUCH A PROCESS COULD
ONLY BE CARRIED OUT IN BROAD TERMS, THOUGH THIS SHOULD
NOT EXCLUDE THE INDIVIDUAL EXAMINATION OF MAJOR PROPOSALS;
FOR THIS PURPOSE THE MAXIMUM INFORMATION ABOUT COSTS SHOULD
BE PROVIDED; THE DEFENCE REVIEW COMMITTEE SHOULD NOT
HESITATE TO RECOMMEND THE DELETION OR REDUCTION OF PROPOSALS
IF THEY WERE COLLECTIVELY SATISFIED THAT THEY WERE BEYOND
THE CAPACITY OF THE COUNTRY TO IMPLEMENT;

(D) EMPHASIZED THAT THE EXAMINATION OF FORCE
PROPOSALS WITHIN NATO HEADQUARTERS WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY
FACILITATED IF THE PRECEDING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN THE
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MAJOR NATO COMMANDERS AND NATIONAL
MINISTRIES OF DEFENCE WERE UNDERTAKEN ON A MORE DETAILED
AND REALISTIC BASIS;

(E) INVITED REPRESENTATIVES TO DRAW THE ABOVE
(AND PARTICULARLY (D)) TO THE ATTENTION OF THEIR
AUTHORITIES IN RELATION TO THE DEFENCE REVIEW CYCLE BEGINNING
IN 1973.

END QUOTE
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